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Deventer is a City in the Province of Overijssel. Every year, in June, they hold an open air festival: "Deventer op Stelten" (Deventer on Stilts). Actors and artists give free performances in the streets and on the Brink Square. All actors must perform on stilts during their acts. More on this City and Deventer on Stilts on pages 20-21.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

The following upcoming Neerlandia Functions and Events will be organised by Neerlandia at the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months. For more accurate information, **always** refer to advertisements inside this magazine or contact the appropriate person of the Sub-Club concerned, as displayed on the second last page. Or look on our website:
neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

Calendar of Upcoming Neerlandia Events held at the RDC unless shown as External.

January 2020:

Wednesday 29	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
Thursday 30	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am

Thursday 30	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 31	<u>Maas & Waal at the RDC</u>	6pm

February 2020:

Sunday 2	<u>Sunday Klaverjas Drive</u>	11am
Sunday 9	<u>André Rieu 70th Birthday Show</u> (at Innaloo Event Cinemas)	1pm
Mon 3,10,17,24	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 5,12,19,26	<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>	10am
Wed 5, 19	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11 am
Thurs 6,13,20,27	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Thurs 13,27	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Sunday 16	<u>Family Ice Skating Day</u> (More on our website)	
Friday 28	<u>Maas & Waal at Morley</u>	6pm

March 2020:

Sunday 1	<u>Sunday Klaverjas Drive</u>	11 am
Sunday 1	<u>Kids Carnival</u> (More on our website)	
Sunday 15	<u>Electronics Club at the RDC</u>	
Sunday 29	<u>Sunday Klaverjas Drive</u>	11 am

Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.

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Hi Medelanders,

Let me start with wishing you all a Happy New Year and all the best for the upcoming year.

It is going to be a great year.

Things are off to a flying start as am pleased to report that, thanks to Henri Koldenhoven, we have been able to (re-)secure our income for the next 5 years. We have successfully renegotiated the Vendor terms.

And I have also received word that the RDC has been able to fill the kitchen vacancy as well. More details will be published in the next magazine as we are still waiting for the final details to come to light.

That's it from me.

Groeten,

Eric van Waaijenburg



TELETHON 2020 CAMPAIGN

We started the Telethon 2020 Campaign at the Morley Party on Saturday 26th of October, where we collected a starting amount of **\$242.40.**

At the Christmas Lunch on Sunday 17th of November, we collected a further

\$108.50

taking it to a new level of

\$350.90

Let us do it again for our sick kids in WA!!

Are you one of the lucky parents, who did not have to battle with sick children??

Henk Oorschot

Event Co-ordinator. Life Member.

NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Riet Lamers
Ferdinand Klesch
Rene van Aurich
Chantelle Morgan
Baukje Rusken-
Walkington
Diane van der Kooij
Gus van der Kooij
Norbert Engelsman**

Dutch Conversation Language Classes

Neerlandia will start organising Dutch Conversation Language Classes in cooperation with LanguageOne.

These Classes will be conducted every last Friday of the month and will be alternating between two locations: The Rhine Donau Club in Myaree and the Morley Windmills Sports Club in Embleton.

Interested? Please keep on reading for more details, dates and times.

Costs for **non-Neerlandia Members** for these Dutch Classes are as follows: \$10 per lesson per person, \$15 per lesson for two persons of the same family and \$20 per lesson for a family.

After the first free lesson on January 31st, if you like to continue with the lessons, you need to pay for the next five lessons in advance.

Costs for **Neerlandia Dutch Club Members** for these Dutch classes are only \$5.

Thus \$5 per lesson per person, \$5 per lesson for two persons of the same family or \$5 per lesson for a family. After the first free lesson, on January 31st, if you like to continue with the lessons, you pay for the next five lessons in advance.

If you like to become a Neerlandia Dutch Club Member, that can be organised on the night.

Dutch Language Class Sessions at the Rhein Donau Club Inc.

From 6pm to 7pm on every odd month the lessons will be conducted at The Rhein Donau Club Inc. in Myaree, 110 N Lake Rd, Melville, WA 6154 on the following Fridays: January 31st, March 27th, May 29th, July 31st, September 25th and November 27th.

On the same dates Neerlandia will also hold their End of Month Drinks (the Maas & Waal Borrel), which you can attend and enjoy after the lessons.

Dutch Class Sessions at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club.

From 6pm to 7pm on every even month the lessons will be conducted at Morley Windmills Soccer Club in Embleton, Broun Ave, Embleton WA 6062 on the following Fridays: February 28th, April 24th, June 26th, August 28th and 30th October.

On the same dates we will also hold our End of Month Drinks (the Maas & Waal Borrel), which you can attend and enjoy after the lessons.

For any questions or to show your interest, please contact Machiel van der Stelt via:

mvdstelt@gmail.com or Eric van Waaijenburg via: eric@eppo.net.au

On our Website you can find the link to our online learning portal. This way you can stay in contact with the teacher and other students while you study. After you decide to sign up in January for the Dutch lessons; if you like to do so, we can create a Moodle account for you. Please let Machiel van der Stelt know beforehand if you are interested and coming on the 31st of January via: mvdstelt@gmail.com

More information on these Dutch Lessons including an application form that can be filled in regarding the type of lessons you may need; as well as a Neerlandia Membership Application Form can be found on our Website: www.dutchclubwa.com



Harmony Week. (15-21 March)

Harmony Week is an opportunity for all Western Australians to celebrate our vibrant multicultural State.

This event runs from 15–21 March every year and it encourages everyone to experience, explore and appreciate WA's wealth of cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity.

One of the more important events for this year worth seeing is:

30 Years of German Reunification.

Movie: Ode to Joy and Freedom.

Shown on Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at the Palace Cinema Paradiso, 164 James Street, Northbridge.

Matinée Screening of "Ode to Joy and Freedom".

Target Group: Older People and Retirees.

11.00 am People arrive and are served with refreshments.

11.20 am Welcome Addresses by:

- a) The German Honorary Consul
- b) The Minister of Multicultural Affairs
- c) The Opposition Spokesperson of Multicultural Affairs
- d) The Main Sponsor.

11.35 am. Screening of the movie.

12.35 pm. People returning to the Foyer, are served with Sandwiches, Pies, Cakes with Coffee and Tea - Water and Soft are drinks available as well

01.15 pm. End of Matinée Function.

Editorial.

Important Announcements:

1. Our Easter Brunch will be held on Sunday the 5th of April, a week before Easter.

Full details of this event will be printed in our March magazine. Put this date in your calendar, wait for more information and book and pay for your seats early in March. **DO NOT MISS IT.**

2. Our April Sunday Drive was also scheduled to be held on the same Sunday, the 5th of April.

This is a no-no, as we cannot hold both events on the same day. We have rescheduled the Sunday Drive and it will now be held on Sunday the 29th of March. (March has 5 Sundays)

3. The RDC Caterer.

Much to our regret, Armanda, the very competent and skilled chef, who looked after the Catering for RDC - and Neerlandia Members, has advised us that she will not be renewing her contract with RDC after 31 December 2019.

(Late news: See the Presidents report on page 3)

4. Neerlandia Membership.

The majority of our Members have already paid their 2020 Membership renewal. If you haven't yet, you need to take action now.

5. Members Monthly Birthday List.

There is one aspect of Membership, which is important to your Editor and that is the Birthday List. Ever since the privacy laws came into being, I have been struggling to obtain all the information I need to publish the most up-to-date Birthday List.

So, if you have noticed that your last birthday did not get a mention in our monthly list and you would like to see your name published, please send an e-mail direct to: (pieter.leeflang@bigpond.com) with the correct details and I guarantee it will be fixed.

**Your Editor,
Pieter Leeflang, (Life Member)**

In Memoriam

Passed away the 15th of January

Irma van der Kwast

A long-term Neerlandia Member and Committee Member.

Member of the Neerlandia Card Club.

Sincere condolences to all her family.



May She Rest in Peace.

NEERLANDIA's 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUNCTION.

As previously reported, the above was held on the 26th of October at the Morley Windmills Club and turned out to be a huge success.

The party was planned to recognise what has been achieved since 1969 and to bring together the old and newer Members of the Club and to relive the good memories of the last fifty years.



As Neerlandia is now in a comfortable Financial position the Event was totally Sponsored by the Club and those that attended were provided with a drink voucher and finger foods. To recognise the Event and record our history, Placemats and Coffee Mugs, were also handed out on arrival.

As most of us and our parents, arrived here in the 40s 50s and 60s it was deemed appropriate to seek the support of the Perth Office of National Archives of Australia, to provide data on the Dutch Migrants that came by ship such as family and individual histories and in most cases, this included photographs of family members.

The National Archives of Australia display of records held and the information that was also available to the public, created significant interest on the day.

As Neerlandia had offered to pay the costs related to a Single person or a Family enquiry, some 63 lodgements were received and processed by the Archives staff. Most of those have by now been received or are ready to be downloaded via their Website.

Contact details for all enquiries is 9470 7500, or <https://www.naa.gov.au>. To assist the NAA staff, have the family name, date of arrival and the name of the ship that arrived in Fremantle available.



In closing I would like to thank the staff from Archives for their support and working on a Saturday: Kay, Vesna and Tarryn.

A thank you to the Neerlandia Committee, their families and friends for being there when it was needed.

All functions to be successful need a team to work behind the scene, Marjorie Bly and Anne Rietveld, started this process six months ago.

I thank them for their ideas their initiative and ongoing support.

Finally the members and their friends who came on the day, we hope you enjoyed seeing friends old and new and shared your memories.

50 years another Milestone, let there be many more.

Henri K. (Life Member)

Stuff Dutch People Like

“Stuff Dutch People Like” is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands.

This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading “Stuff Dutch People Like” as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



Seeing Sarah or Abraham!

I have said it before and I'll say it again: Dutch birthdays are weird. Sure, they've got those odd (albeit handy) calendars in their bathrooms to remind them of the big days, but why remember if you ain't even the one bringing the cake! All those birthday “gefeliciteerds” are great for us (non-Dutchies) to practice our “g’s”, but the celebrations do seem to be lacking a little je ne sais quoi. The Dutch 50th birthday,



however, is the exception: full of eccentricities, nonsense, and good ol' fashion fun!

When Dutch people turn fifty they are said to be either “seeing Abraham” or “seeing Sara”. Say what?! There's sadly no bathroom humor here (as it doesn't relate to my grandma's “seeing a man about a dog”) however, the connotations are equally odd.

In this case, to “see” Sarah or Abraham is a biblical reference. The original meaning is still up for debate, but from my highly rigorous research (aka googling for precisely 2 minutes) it seems to include adultery, stoning, barren-women, seeing ghosts, aging, death, and sinning – yes, all the elements necessary for a rousing bible story!! Somewhere amidst the judgements and morals there is a rather literal reference to turning 50 years old and “seeing Abraham”. How it then made its way into the Dutch lexicon is anyone's guess...

The Dutch clearly decided to put their own spin on the biblical tale. When Dutch people hit the big 5-0 in the Lowlands, the birthday celebrations tended to include either a cake or pastry symbolizing the aging birthday boy or girl.

Somehow, over time (*again don't ask*) the tradition evolved (as traditions should!) and that little pastry person morphed into a life-size doll in the likeness of the guest of honour! Think scarecrow like figures on front lawns, human *paper-mâché* travesties and five-meter-tall blow-up balloons of greying women (*aka Sarah*) or balding men (*aka Abraham*).

As we all know, celebrations in the Lowlands are not complete without some snarky witty poems; such ditties, written by friends and family, often accompany the festivities. If you're particularly lucky, those unfavourable poems might just adorn your front lawn as well!

Now before y'all start schooling me on Dutch traditions, I am highly aware that this particular one has lost some steam in recent years —**but I am hoping for its revival**. These grey Dutch skies could use a bit more colour, and if that needs to come in the shape of gaudy human-like balloons, then so be it! I can say with all certainty that I won't be spending my 50th birthday in the Lowlands. However, it is one Dutch thing I just may be tempted to bring home with me to Canada – along with my beloved bicycle and my Dutch directness, of course!



50 Sarah sighted.



Meet Sarah.

The Neerlandia Seniors' Club

Welcome to the Neerlandia Seniors' Club page.

We keep on getting cakes with the coffee. On the 24th October it was Henk Smits' turn, Brigitta Weel came back and also brought a cake and as it was our last meeting, there was a Neerlandia Cake as well. So once again, no speculaas biscuits and everybody enjoyed the cakes. **The last meeting day of the year, the 5th of December, turned out to be very special, as we had a Monster Lottery with well over one hundred items, as you can see on the photo on the next page. The result was that everybody got a prize, some up to 3 prizes. The lottery took nearly one hour to complete. But it was all great fun.** Besides guests from Holland, family of Nelly Liebrechts, we welcomed 2 new Members: **Gus and Diana van der Kooij**, who said that they had a great time and they also received their placemats and Dutch mug.

Why don't you also come along and find out how much fun we are having at the Seniors !

51 Members on Thursday 21st November.

59 Members on Thursday 5th December.



The Neerlandia Seniors' Club



The Monster Lottery on Thursday the 5th of December. Everybody got a prize !!!



Thursday Night Card Club News

End of Year Break-up Party.

On Thursday, the 12th of December, it was party time, as the Thursday Night Card Club Members played their last game of the year. It also meant the start of our summer break as our next competition starts again on the 30th of January 2020.

On the night everyone played cards until 9.00 pm; then the tables were re-arranged into one long row. Plates with party nibbles were put on the tables and everyone received a free drink voucher, paid for by the Card



Club of course.

Our ladies like their Advocaat and no less than 10 of them were consumed, while the men mainly stuck to their low alcohol beer. After some socialising it was time to reward the prize winners of the 3rd competition. The 1st prize went to Piet Leeftang with 72552 points, who won by a fair margin and who managed to make 34 Marsen. Freda was runner up.

The Marsen prize, however, with 26 marsen, was won by 2 people, Bettina and Joe, as the first two placegetters, Piet L. and Freda, who had 32 and 26 marsen respectively, are only allowed to win one prize each.



The overall list of the winners was:

Klaverjassen:

1st prize: Piet Leeftang 72552 points

2nd prize: Freda Hovingh 70807 points

Aver. prize: Margaret Bosland 67888 points

Marsen prize: Johan Smit and Bettina Tonkin, who both had 26 marsen.

Bolivia:

Weekly Bolivia: Gonny Bonda

Fortnightly Bolivia: Hanny Kamps

Congratulations to all the winners.

And to those, who did not win, better luck next time.

All the winners were asked to come forward for the winners photo and all too soon it was time to clean up and head homewards.

But not before each Member collected a large Christmas Hamper with lots of goodies to be enjoyed during Christmas and the following weeks.

Piet L. (Life Member).



Winners 3rd competition: (l.t.r.) Margaret, KJC Average Prize; Freda, KJC 2nd Prize; Hanny, Jokeren 2; Gonny, Jokeren 1; Piet KJC 1st Prize; Bettina & Johan shared Marsen Prize.

KLaverjas Club Results

The finishing order of the 14 Players that took part in our 3rd competition of 2019.

1. Piet Leeftang	72552 points
2. Freda Hovingh	70807 points
3. Joke Leeftang	70224 points
4. Piet Segers	70220 points
5. Bettina Tonkin	69881 points
6. Rinus Koedyk	68192 points
7. Margaret Bosland	67625 points
8. Henk Smit	67543 points
9. Elly Schenkelaars	67243 points
10. Thijs Gorter	67174 points
11. Keith Vermeulen	66029 points
12. Johan Smit	65874 points
13. Joke Brussaard	63152 points
14. Barbera Penello	62446 points

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende zondag klaverjas tournooien worden gehouden op 2 February, 1 Maart en op **29 Maart**.
Zaal is open om 10 uur voor de Koffie.
Het Kaarten begint om 11 uur precies.
Kom Klaverjassen in de gezellige Karl's Bar van de RDC.

Prijzen voor de 3 winnaars.

Twee kopjes koffie met iets erbij en een goede Lunch zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.
Nieuwe Klaverjassers zijn van harte welkom.



Kosten:

Neerlandia Members \$12.00

Guests: (Maximum 3 times as a non-Member) \$15.00

Non-Playing Members \$10.00

Het bestuur: Piet & Piet.

The December Sunday Drive.

On Sunday the 1st of December the last Sunday Drive of the year was held at the RDC. The turnout was surprisingly good and everyone seemed to enjoy the imported Dutch "Appeltaart" with their coffee on arrival.

However, near starting time it became clear that we were one player short to make all foursomes. Some quick deliberation and the decision was made that instead of the usual 4 games, only 3 games would be played with 3 "Invallers". This ensured that everyone would take part in the game.

At 12.30 Lunch was brought in and it was, as customary, perfect. The only down was that Armanda informed everyone that she had terminated her contract at the end of December.

The competition results showed that there were two runaway players who shared the first two spots.

The final results were:

1st prize: Freda Hovingh	5479 points
2nd prize: Con v d Putten	5320 points
3rd prize: Piet Leeftang	4917 points

The very first Sunday Drive of 2020 will be held on Sunday 2 February and we hope to see you all there.

Note: There will be 2 Sunday Drives held in March and they will be on Sunday 2nd March and Sunday 29th March.



The winners in December: (l.t.r.) Con van der Putten, 2nd Prize; Freda Hoving, 1st Prize and Piet Leeftang, 3rd Prize.

Bingo at The Rhein-Donau Club Inc in the "Edelweiss Hall"



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only:
5th and 19th of February.
4th and 18th of March.

Games start at 11am—Doors open at 10am.



Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun, is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 27th of November. A record of 32 players were around the tables !!



Bingo on Wednesday 11th of December. A Record. We had 36 players on this Party Day.



On the left
the Party Cake,
that all of us
enjoyed with our
coffee.

On the right, a smiling
Fiona Walsh,
who could not believe
that
she had won the

Jackpot of \$102.-



PARTY TIME. THE NEERLANDIA BINGO CLUB IS 5 YEARS OLD !!



BINGO BULLETIN. *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*

As you can see on both pages, we had a very exciting day, when the Bingo Club had its Party on Wednesday 11th of December. Cake with the coffee, Party Hats on our heads and 2 balloons shaped 5 plus many other balloons to complete the Party !!!

To create more excitement, we introduced \$25 loaded games a couple of months ago. For the Party day we had 2 games that were loaded with \$25. On the 27th of November it was won by **Dirk Heistek (\$47)** and on the Party Day it was won by **Dora Van der List (\$47)** and **Ineke Balde (\$47)**

On the 27th of November, the Free games (\$10) were won by **Diana van der Meer** and **Helen Dans**, while on the Party Day, they were won by **Thea de Koning** and my sister **Jan Jackson**, a guest and first time player at our Bingo Games. Welcome Jan ! On 27th November the chocolate wafers were won by **Wilhelmina Keisler** and on the Party Day it was won by **Hanna Dans**.

The boxes of Ferrero chocolates promoted by Neerlandia were won by **Nelly van der Heiden** and **Ben Hayes**, a second time guest!

On the 27th of November we welcomed 4 new players: **Liz Waller**, **Ans Roy**, **Rene van Aurich** and **Chantelle Morgan**.

The Jackpot of **\$102** was won on the Party Day by **Fiona Walsh**, and it took only 48 balls to do it, an unbelievably low count. **Good on you Fiona, well done !!!**

Than the "Surprise". On Party Day, after the first Game, **Father Christmas** walked in with his helper and presented all of us with a little present. It was just amazing !! No wonder the Bingo Club is growing. Are you going to come along and have fun ??

Henk Oorschot and Louis James.

For information call Henk 9256 1977

End of Year Concert by the Dutch Singers

Report from The Dutch Singers.

On the 8th of December 2019 we held our End of Year concert, playing to a large audience. The latter was brought about through the very generous sponsorship and support from Neerlandia, for which we thank you all. Our diligent pianist/conductor, Hazel Potts, had provided a varied program with the first half comprising a selection of songs plus good performances by Bowie, a talented young singer and a string trio of Kate, Louie and Emma.

In the second half many Christmas carols and songs were sung, with a group of four choir members giving a rendition of a Dutch carol. During the interval, plates of Dutch food were served to all, prepared by our favourite caterer Armanda Cuisine. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces. Once again a very big thankyou to Neerlandia for their wonderful support and sponsorship.

Glen VandenBerg.



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CURA outing to the Perth Zoo on 30 October 2019.



Below some comments of appreciation received by our staff.

The zoo visit was very well organised. It was a nice outing – most enjoyable.
The zoo train was a big success. It took us to places we could not have accessed otherwise.
John and Nel Maarssens.

It is a very nice park and the animals on show were very well presented. I liked walking around and seeing the different animals, but the Zebra Cars were the best way to see it all.
It was a good idea, thank you for the opportunity.
Carla Lenz.

Client Advisory Group Meeting - 16th October 2019.

The last Client Advisory Group meeting for 2019 was held on the 16th of October at the Cura Office.

Five clients and three Care Team Members attended the meeting to discuss the following:

- «# The new Aged Care Standards and what they mean for Cura Clients.
- «# Taxi Vouchers and how to use them.
- «# We shared information about Home Care Packages.
- «# Clients decided on the new Domestic Task List.
- «# Monthly Statements and how to make them clearer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the 6th of February 2020 and we will talk about the new Charter of Rights for Aged Care Clients and look further into the new Aged Care Standards.

If you would like to join this very lively group, please phone Annegret on: 9382 1983.

Feedback on "LiveLighter" Have a Go Day, Burswood Park.

The Have a Go Day 2019 was, according to the Seniors Recreation Council WA, attended by 15,000 people and had 235 exhibits. We think that we would have engaged with around 350 people.

Engagement ranged from a short conversation about what Cura is all about, to people wanting information on how they can start their Aged Care journey and some people telling us about their experiences with their Aged Care provider.

Our giveaways proved to be very popular, especially the packets of tissues with our Cura label and the lens cleaners; and Cura Brochures, pens and brochures on how to get started with "MyAgedCare".

Our goal was to raise awareness about Cura and to become more visible. And we are confident that we have achieved that.

Annegret.



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Natasha Morgan.

Hi Everyone.

It is my great pleasure to join Cura In-home Care as General Manager.

I started with Cura Monday the 11th of November. My first month has been one of exploration and inquisitive questioning. I have gotten to know the office team well and am slowly getting to know the names and faces of your support workers.



I am very proud to be a part of Cura's rich 30-year history.

I want to do everything in my power to ensure the focus of Cura remains on doing the best for you, our clients.

Your wellbeing is, rightly so, at the center of everything we do and the reason for our existence. We want to maintain the personalised service that you have experienced thus far and we want to improve and offer you more that will enhance your wellbeing and independence.

As a brief introduction to myself, I come from a corporate background in financial services and have most recently spent time managing a consulting company that operates heavily in the Aged Care Industry. The delivery of Care in the industry has experienced significant change in the last few years.

We, as an organisation take our obligation to you very seriously. We have the New Aged Care Standards and Charter of Aged Care Rights as our road map to deliver top-quality Care and Service.

Your dedicated Care Team, lead by Annegret Renk-Kotzee, are available for yourself and your family to see that your needs are met. If you are happy with Cura's Service, tell your friends about us. If you are unhappy about our Service, please tell us, we would love to know how we can do better.

Please feel free to reach out to myself as well, I am happy to chat and meet you all.

Personally, I am married with two young girls and like most, my husband Michael and I spend our weekends shipping Olivia (8) and Bailey (4) to their various sporting activities, play dates and birthday parties.

Our Christmas day, like many others, will start early with little chance of a sleep-in. Followed by a whirlwind of flying Christmas wrapping paper, toys and gifts strewn all over the living room floor, for which mum (myself) will be left to clean up. We will do the family visits, eat too much and be overwhelmed by the feeling of full bellies and tired eyes after attending midnight mass the night before. But we will love every moment of it and cherish the beautiful memories that are made.

From my family to yours I wish you a happy, safe, blessed and loving New Year.

Natasha Morgan.

A man came home from work.

A man came home from work one day to find his wife sitting on the front porch with her bags packed. He asked her where she was going and she replied: "I'm going to Las Vegas."

He questioned her and she told him: "I just found out that I can make \$400 a night doing what I give you for free". He pondered over that, then went into the house and packed his bags and returned to the porch and sat with his wife. She said: "And just where do you think you're going?" "I'm going too!" he replied. "Why?" She asked. "I want to see how you are going to live on \$800 a year!"



Grandfathers and Grandmothers.

A grandfather always made a special effort with his grandchildren. Many Sunday mornings he would take his seven year old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some bonding time.

One particular Sunday however, he had a bad cold and he really didn't feel like being up at all. Luckily, Grandmother came to the rescue and said that she would take the grandchild out. When they returned, the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see Grandpa.

"Well," the grandfather asked: "did you enjoy your ride with Granny?" "Oh yes, Grandpa," the girl replied: "and do you know what? We didn't see a single dumb idiot or lousy sh*thead!"

The handyman.

A young man wanting to earn some extra money decided to hire himself out as a handy man and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood. He went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for him to do. "Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch," the owner said. "How

much will you charge me?"

The man quickly responded: "How about \$50?"

The owner agreed and told him that the paint and everything he would need were in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband: "Does he realise that our porch goes all the way around the house?"

The husband shrugged and went off on his way. A short time later, the man came to the door to collect his money.

"You're finished already?" the husband asked.

"Yes," the man replied: "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the owner reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to him.

"And by the way," the man added: "it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

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Deventer, the festival City



Deventer Weapon and Coat of Arms

Deventer is a City and Municipality in the Salland region of the Province of Overijssel in the Netherlands.

In 2019, Deventer had a population just above 100,000.

The City is largely situated on the East bank of the river IJssel, but also has a small part of its territory on the West bank.

In 2005 the Municipality of Bathmen (with a population of about 5,000 people) was merged with Deventer, as part of a national effort to reduce bureaucracy in the country.

Foundation and development in the Middle Ages:

Deventer was probably founded around AD 768 by the English missionary Lebuinus, who built a wooden church on the east bank of the river IJssel.

This was not the first human settlement at this location; between 1981 and 2006, remains of a Bronze Age Settlement (400 AD) were excavated at Colmschate, 4 km East of the current City. The village of Deventer, already important because of a trading road crossing the river IJssel, was looted and burnt down by the Vikings in 882. It was immediately rebuilt and fortified with an earth wall. (Remains of this wall have been excavated and restored).

Deventer received City rights in 956, after which Stone Wall fortifications were built around the City for defensive purposes. Between 1000 and 1500, Deventer grew to be a flourishing trading City because of its harbour on the river IJssel, which was capable of accommodating large ships. One of the commodities it traded in, dried haddock and cod from Norway, gave the citizens the nickname they carry to this day: "Deventer Stokvis".

City Museum:

The old Waag (Weighing-house) on the edge of the Brink square was built in 1550 and restored in 2003. The Deventer City Museum is now housed inside the Waag. The Museum's collections include industrial and trading history, paintings by Gerard Terborch and Han van Meegeren, silver objects, and prehistoric findings.



Deventer early in the 20th Century.

Deventer on Stilts:

Every year, especially during summer, Deventer always organizes different festivals. One of them is pretty famous within the Netherlands and Europe. It's called: "Deventer Op Stelten", (Deventer on Stilts) which is hosted during the first weekend in July. During this weekend the old historical centre of Deventer becomes the stage of high scale street theatre, this festival includes large scale shows, high up in the air.

Artists from all over Europe come to this small town to perform in front of an audience which comes to Deventer from all over the Netherlands and Europe.

The festival is an open air event and thanks to many sponsors, the City is able to offer viewing for free.

If you are in the Netherlands early July and have no other plans, make sure you go to Deventer and check out these amazing performances by artists from all over Europe.



The immensely popular and unique Stelten Festival is always guaranteed to be a very colourful event.

Deventer, the festival City



Around Christmas time Deventer holds the annual Charles Dickens Festival.

Charles Dickens Festival:

This is another Festival that should not be missed. During this Festival in the historic Centre of Deventer, the 19th-century world of Charles Dickens comes to life. Hundreds of characters from his famous books can be found strolling around the centre, from Scrooge to Oliver Twist and from Mr Pickwick to the Christmas Carol Singers, orphans, drunkards, clerks and posh gentlemen. This unique event will truly make you feel as though you were celebrating Christmas back in England in this famous author's age.

Enjoy punch and roast chestnuts, thousands of Christmas lights and Christmas trees, choirs and orchestras playing music – it's the romantic time of Charles Dickens coming back to life in the streets, in homes, in shops and in galleries.

In and around the Grote Kerk (the Great Church, officially St Lebuinus Church), you will find a Christmas market with no less than 75 different stalls selling Christmas decorations, toys, clothes and handicrafts, while Christmas songs are sung here, there, and everywhere. The Church also has an indoor terrace where you can enjoy excellent snacks and drinks.

The Deventer Book Fair. The largest in the whole of Europe:

Fancy re-stocking your book shelves? Head to the Deventer Book Fair, **Europe's biggest annual book market**, this summer and you're bound to find something you like. With well over 850 stalls strewn along the banks of River IJssel and in the historic City centre, there is a guaranteed stock of thousands of books.

Renowned booksellers and antiquarians from all over the Netherlands and beyond descend on the town each year, forming a paper trail stretching for over **six kilometres**.

The event is characterised by quality as well as quantity and the selection varies from children's books to poetry, literature to comics, history books to tomes on arts and topography.

Meanwhile, while the bookworms get stuck in, music, street theatre, arts and exhibitions distract the kids and the people that are bored by the thought of reading a book.

In **1477** Richard Pafraet printed the first book in Deventer. By the end of the **15th century** the City was one of the **leading printing centres of the Netherlands**.

It has always remained a major graphics centre, with many printers and publishers, two libraries, booksellers, antiquarians and now this huge annual book fair, which is held early in August.



Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



The Deventer Book Fair is the largest one in Europe.

Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku - Easy 49

1			7	9		8	2	3
			2				4	
3	7				5			
7	8					6		4
			9			1		5
		1	3				7	
5				7				
2		9	4	3		7		
					2		1	

Sudoku - Moderate 49

2	5		4	7				
			1					8
				2			1	7
1								4
	9			3	7	5		
		6	2				9	
6		8		5		9		2
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	3	4	8	6				

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **two** letters only are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle and then start guessing your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z. *The last Codebreaker was fairly average, once you found the words **Buccaneer**, **Arrow** and **Conjure**, you were well on your way to solve it.*

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:

A=14; B=26; C=8; D=21; E=25; F=11; G=4; H=5; I=13; J=6; K=23; L=1; M=19; N=7; O=20; P=16; Q=15; R=24; S=9; T=17; U=18; V=10; W=2; X=12; Y=3; Z=22.

Last month's Easy Sudoku 48 solution.

1	5	7	9	2	6	4	3	8
8	9	6	4	3	7	1	5	2
2	3	4	8	5	1	6	7	9
3	2	8	1	9	5	7	4	6
9	6	5	2	7	4	8	1	3
7	4	1	3	6	8	9	2	5
4	1	9	5	8	3	2	6	7
5	7	2	6	1	9	3	8	4
6	8	3	7	4	2	5	9	1

Last month's Moderate Sudoku 48 solution.

9	1	2	3	5	6	4	8	7
3	5	8	4	7	2	9	1	6
4	6	7	8	9	1	5	2	3
2	9	4	5	6	3	1	7	8
5	8	6	7	1	9	2	3	4
1	7	3	2	8	4	6	9	5
6	2	5	9	3	8	7	4	1
7	3	9	1	4	5	8	6	2
8	4	1	6	2	7	3	5	9

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